

## Memorandum

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Subject: Antelope Lake  
Creel Census, 1980

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Anglers at Antelope Lake were censused on 50 days, between April 26 and November 2, 1980, by Department of Water Resources Student Assistants and Department of Fish and Game Seasonal Aids. Anglers were interviewed from shore and boat with survey effort concentrated on the shore near Antelope Dam. Surveyors recorded the number of anglers in each party, county of residence, hours fished, number and species of fish caught, and the length (to the nearest  $\frac{1}{2}$  cm FL) for each fish.

We interviewed 852 anglers of which 780 were shore and 72 were boat anglers. Shore anglers had fished a total of 2,005 $\frac{1}{4}$  hours, catching 641 rainbow trout (0.32 trout per hour) and 313 brown bullhead (0.16 BB per hour) (Table 1). One golden shiner and three Lahontan redbreast were also caught by shore anglers. Boat anglers censused had fished 277 hours, catching 169 rainbow trout (0.62 trout per hour) and two brown bullhead (Table 2). The rainbow trout ranged in length from 14 to 41 cm (5.5 to 16 in) with an average length of 23 cm (9 in) (Figure 1 and Appendix I). The brown bullhead ranged from 12.5 to 32 cm (5 to 12.5 in) with an average length of 19.5 cm (7.8 in).

We interviewed 30 shore anglers who had finished fishing. They fished an average of 3.2 hours and caught 0.30 trout per hour (0.96 trout per angler day). Nineteen boat anglers who had finished fishing were also censused. They fished an average of 4.0 hours and caught 0.80 trout per hour (3.20 trout per angler day).

Most of the trout caught were apparently planted in 1979, but the 13,440 catchable-sized trout planted in early June 1980 also may have contributed significantly to the catch (Table 3).

Anglers from 34 counties were censused (Appendix II). The majority of anglers came from local counties (37%), the Sacramento Valley (31%), and the San Francisco Bay area (16%). The North Coast, mountain, and Southern California counties provided 12% of the anglers and the remaining 4% had out-of-State origin (Figure 2).

During the three years we have censused Antelope Lake, catch per hour for shore anglers has steadily increased from 0.18 in 1978 to 0.32 in 1980 (Table 4). During the same period, the average length of rainbow trout has decreased from 29 to 23 cm (11.5 to 9 in) (Table 5). The catch per hour for brown bullheads has increased from 0.01 in 1978 to 0.15 in 1980 for shore anglers and remained negligible for boat anglers. The average length on censused bullhead has increased from 16.5 to 19.5 cm (6.5 to 7.8 in).



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Attachments

TABLE 1

ANTELOPE LAKE, 1980  
SUMMARY OF CATCH PER HOUR, SHORE ANGLERS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Anglers</u>	<u>Angler Hours</u>	<u>Rainbow Trout Caught</u>	<u>Catch/ Hour</u>	<u>Other Fish Caught</u>	<u>Catch/ Hour</u>
April 26	63	233.25	53		33 BB <sup>1/</sup>	
April 27	49	122.75	55		11 BB	
April Total	112	356	108	0.303	44 BB	0.124
May 9	2	.50	0		0	
May 10	6	16	16		5 BB	
May 11	11	13	0		1 BB	
May 13	5	15.75	3		1 BB	
May 14	19	52.50	18		4 BB	
May 19	14	64	28		4 BB	
May 20	17	86	30		1 BB	
May 24	7	10	4		0	
May 25	25	81	24		6 BB	
May 31	17	38.50	23		0	
May Total	123	377.25	146	0.387	22 BB	0.058
June 6	4	5.50	5		3 BB	
June 17	47	122	73		1 GSH <sup>2/</sup>	
June 18	32	63	36		0	
June 21	10	25	9		7 BB	
June 22	12	30.25	17		0	
June 24	26	51	11		3 LRS <sup>3/</sup>	
June 25	17	37	10		2 BB	
June 27	22	84	24		0	
June 28	35	78.25	55		2 BB	
June Total	205	496	240	0.484	14 BB	0.023
					1 GSH	0.002
					3 LRS	0.006
July 1	53	88	11		94 BB	
July 2	4	3	4		0	
July 4	42	144.75	35		0	
July 5	29	99	22		1 BB	
July 12	21	59	16		6 BB	
July 13	20	52.50	22		14 BB	
July 14	18	33	5		6 BB	
July 15	8	12.50	3		3 BB	
July 22	10	16	1		5 BB	
July Total	205	507.75	119	0.234	129 BB	0.254
August 1	5	7	0		0	
August 2	9	18	3		28 BB	
August 10	10	15	2		3 BB	
August 26	16	33.50	2		14 BB	
August 27	7	7	0		0	
August 30	16	31	7		16 BB	
August 31	17	34	0		0	
August Total	80	145.50	14	0.096	61 BB	0.419

1/ BB - brown bullhead, 2/ GSH - golden shiner

3/ LRS - Lahontan redbside

TABLE 1 (Continued)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Anglers</u>	<u>Angler Hours</u>	<u>Rainbow Trout Caught</u>	<u>Catch/ Hour</u>	<u>Other Fish Caught</u>	<u>Catch/ Hour</u>
September 1	0	0	0		0	
September 20	9	22	1		12 BB	
September 21	3	7.50	2		9 BB	
September 25	10	8.50	1		1 BB	
September 29	2	2	0		0	
September 30	0	0	0		0	
September Total	<u>24</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0.100</u>	<u>22 BB</u>	<u>0.550</u>
October 10	2	7.25	1		4 BB	
October 11	7	15	0		4 BB	
October 12	6	24.50	7		2 BB	
October 22	2	4	1		8 BB	
October 23	<u>7</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>1 BB</u>	
October Total	<u>24</u>	<u>69.75</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0.143</u>	<u>19 BB</u>	<u>0.272</u>
November 1	6	12	0		2 BB	
November 2	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	
November Total	<u>7</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2 BB</u>	<u>0.154</u>
SEASON TOTAL	780	2005.25	641	0.320	313 BB 1 GSH 3 LRS	0.156 0.0005 0.001

TABLE 2

ANTELOPE LAKE, 1980  
SUMMARY OF CATCH PER HOUR, BOAT ANGLERS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Anglers</u>	<u>Angler Hours</u>	<u>Rainbow Trout Caught</u>	<u>Catch/ Hour</u>	<u>Other Fish Caught</u>	<u>Catch/ Hour</u>
April 26	24	128	72		0	
April 27	<u>18</u>	<u>36.50</u>	<u>31</u>		<u>0</u>	
April Total	42	164.50	103	0.626	0	0
May 11	4	12	11		0	
May 14	2	3.50	0		0	
May 25	<u>3</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>0</u>	
May Total	9	33.50	17	0.507	0	0
June 6	4	16	22		2 BB <sup>1/</sup>	
June 17	2	7.50	1		0	
June 21	3	12	9		0	
June 27	<u>3</u>	<u>7.50</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>0</u>	
June Total	12	43	33	0.767	2 BB	0.046
July 14	6	24	14		0	
July 22	<u>3</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>0</u>	
July Total	9	36	16	0.444	0	0
SEASON TOTAL	72	277	169	0.610	2	0.007

1/ BB - brown bullhead

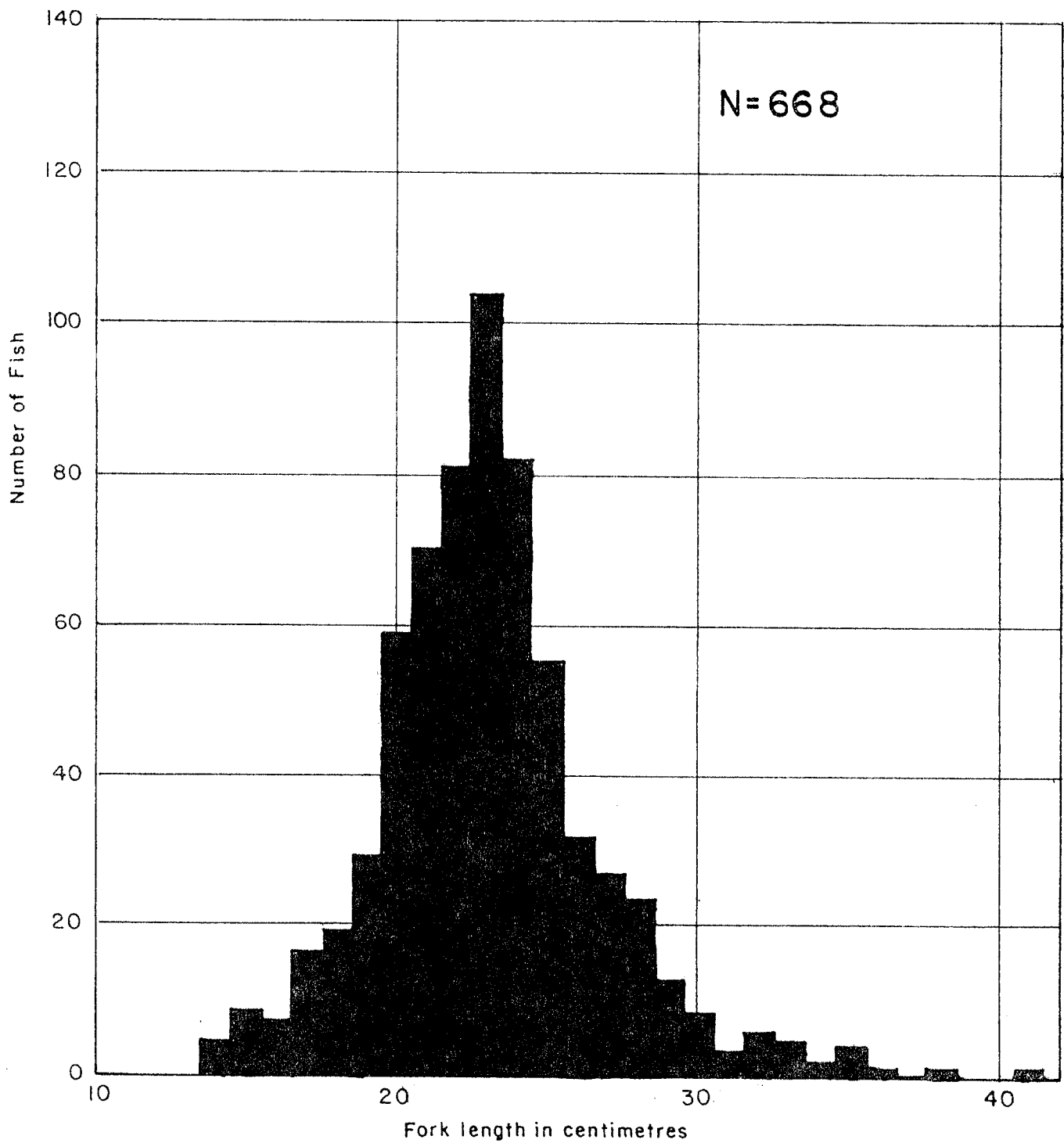


Figure 1- Length and Frequency of Censused Rainbow Trout  
Antelope Lake, 1980

TABLE 3  
TROUT PLANTING SUMMARY  
ANTELOPE LAKE, 1980

<u>Date</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>No. per lb.</u>
June 2	RT <u>1/</u>	13,440	2.8
June 9	RT	150,000	150
September 15	RT	19,920	8.3
December 1	CC <u>2/</u>	<u>6,050</u>	5.5
		189,410	

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1/ Rainbow Trout

2/ Channel Catfish

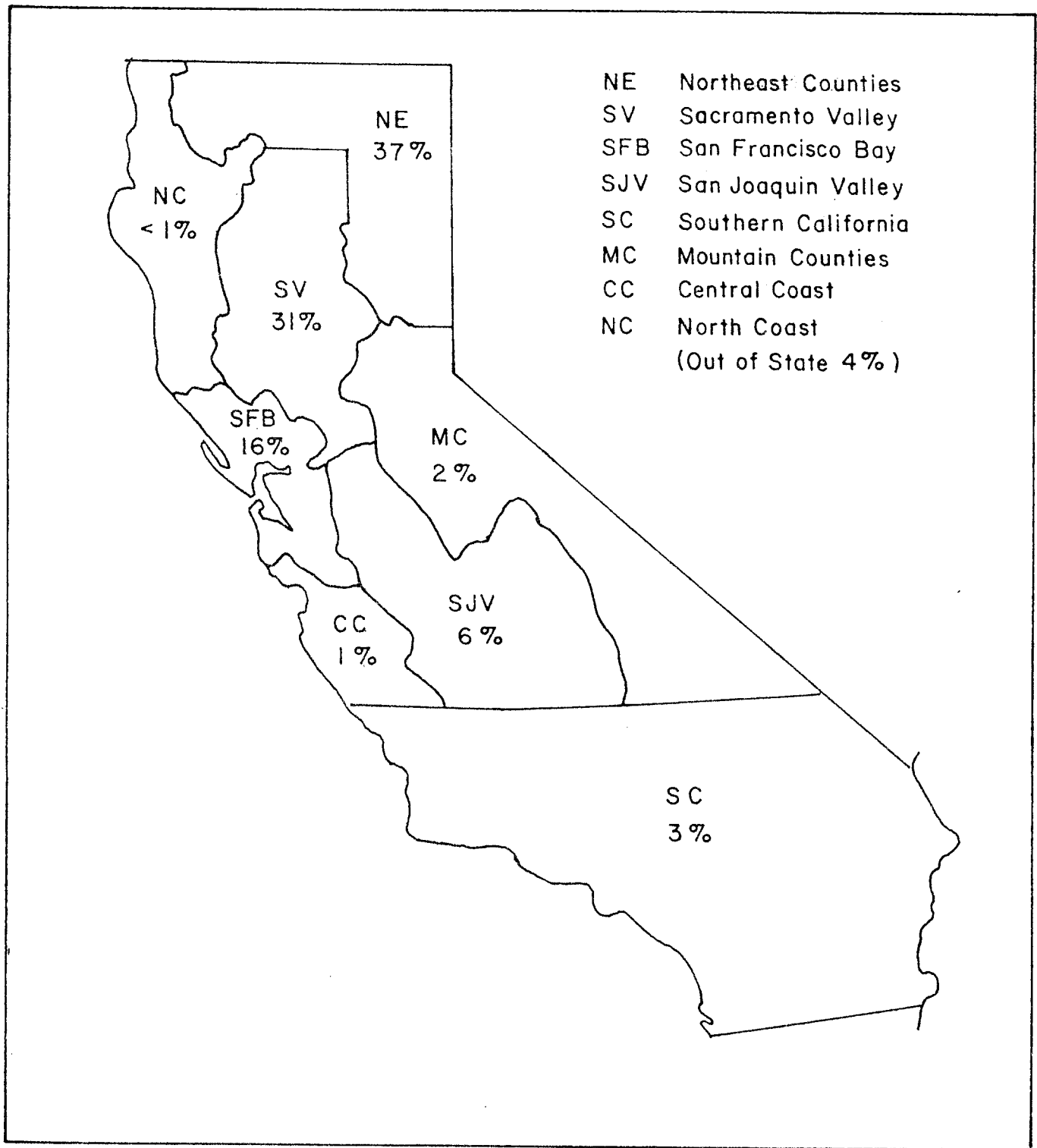


Figure 2-Antelope Lake Angler Origin by County Groups  
1980

TABLE 4

## CATCH PER HOUR AT ANTELOPE LAKE, 1978-80

<u>Year</u>	<u>Shore Anglers</u>			<u>Boat Anglers</u>		
	<u>Hours</u>	<u>RT*</u>	<u>BB**</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>RT*</u>	<u>BB**</u>
	<u>Censused</u>	<u>C/H</u>	<u>C/H</u>	<u>Censused</u>	<u>C/H</u>	<u>C/H</u>
1978	2,076	0.18	0.01	248	0.33	0.00
1979	5,510	0.28	0.09	321	0.55	0.03
1980	2,005	0.32	0.15	277	0.62	0.01

\*RT - rainbow trout

\*\*BB - brown bullhead

TABLE 5

AVERAGE LENGTH OF FISH CAUGHT  
AT ANTELOPE LAKE, 1978-80

<u>Year</u>	<u>Rainbow Trout</u>		<u>Brown Bullhead</u>	
	<u>cm</u>	<u>in</u>	<u>cm</u>	<u>in</u>
1978	29	11.5	16.5	6.5
1979	26	10.2	18.5	7.4
1980	23	9.0	19.5	7.8



## APPENDIX I

## ANTELOPE LAKE CREEL CENSUS, 1980

Rainbow Trout (in centimetres)

Date	No.	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	NM*
Apr 26	125	1	-	1	-	3	1	-	6	16	9	7	3	5	3	3	2	3	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	59
27	86	-	-	-	4	3	12	12	13	10	6	9	5	2	1	-	2	1	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
May 9	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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\*NM - not measured

## APPENDIX I (Continued)

Date	No.	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	NM
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# APPENDIX II

## ANGLER RESIDENCE SUMMARY ANTELOPE LAKE, 1980

<u>County of Residence</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Alameda	22	2.6
Butte	136	16.0
Colusa	4	0.5
Contra Costa	56	6.6
El Dorado	10	1.2
Fresno	7	0.8
Glenn	9	1.1
Humboldt	2	0.2
Lake	6	0.7
Lassen	182	21.3
Los Angeles	12	1.4
Madera	3	0.4
Marin	4	0.5
Mendocino	1	0.1
Merced	3	0.4
Monterey	7	0.8
Napa	11	1.3
Nevada	7	0.8
Placer	2	0.2
Plumas	129	15.0
Riverside	6	0.7
Sacramento	44	5.2
San Diego	6	0.7
San Francisco	4	0.5
San Joaquin	38	4.5
Santa Clara	20	2.3
Shasta	5	0.6
Solano	6	0.7
Sonoma	6	0.7
Sutter	29	3.4
Tehama	9	1.1
Ventura	1	0.1
Yolo	8	0.9
Yuba	9	1.1
Out-of-State	31	3.6
Non-record	<u>17</u>	<u>2.0</u>
Total	852	100.0